

A photograph of a paved path leading through a dense forest. The path is dark grey and curves slightly to the right. It is flanked by lush green trees and foliage. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.




**Welcome to the Community Workshop for
Little Sugar Creek Greenway:
Starmount and Huntingtowne Farms Park**

What is a Greenway?

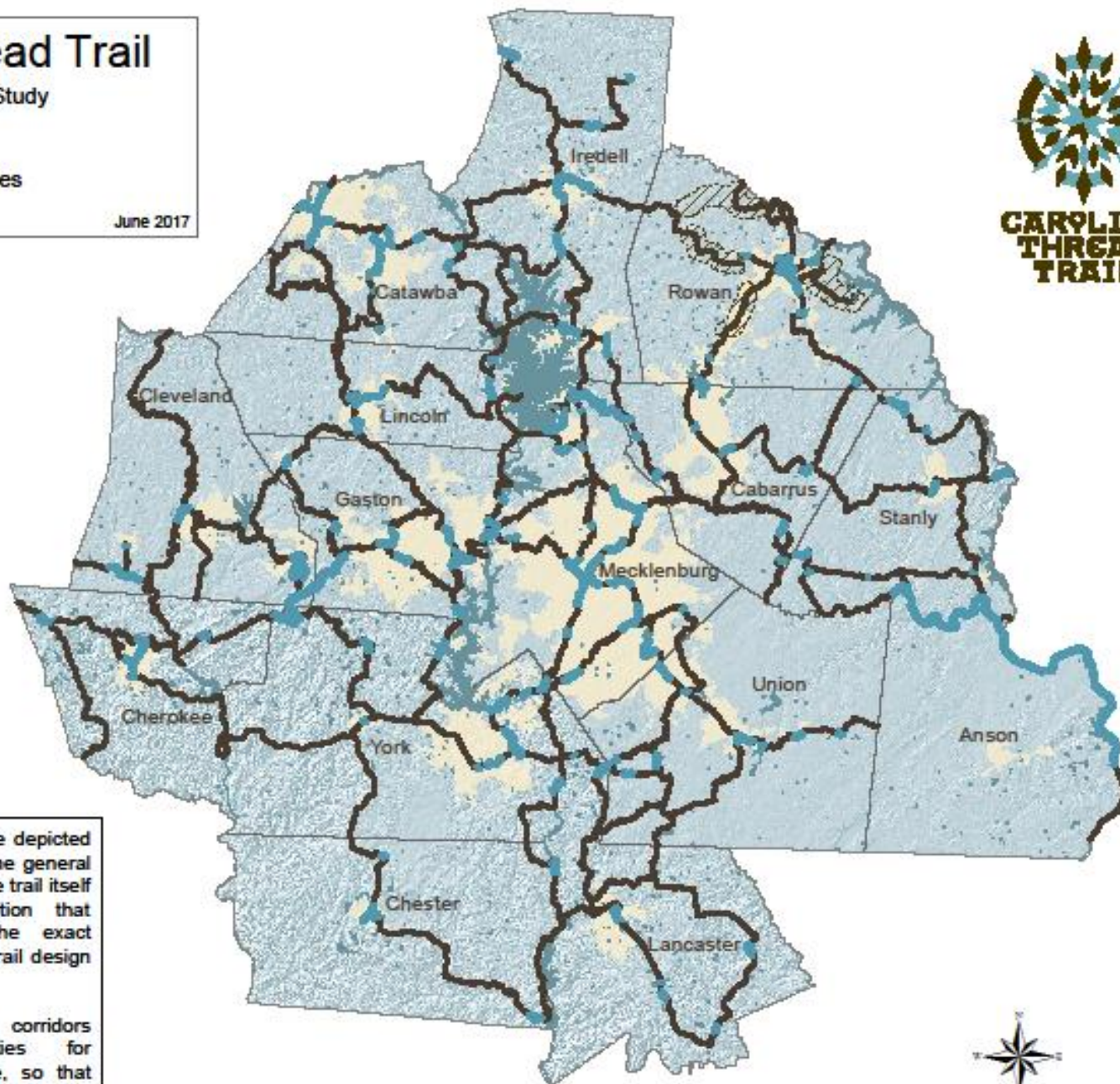


- Active Transportation
- Linear Public Park
- Recreation
- Health and Fitness
- Desirable Amenity
- Access to Destinations
- Creates a Sense of Community
- County standard is a minimum 10'–12' wide asphalt trail conforming to AASHTO and ADA for recreational trails.
- 47 miles are complete and open
- Mecklenburg County Greenway Plan currently calls for over 200 miles.

Carolina Thread Trail

-  Area Requires Further Study
-  Completed Segments
-  Adopted Trail: 1,600 Miles

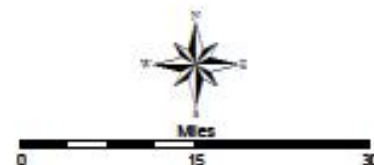
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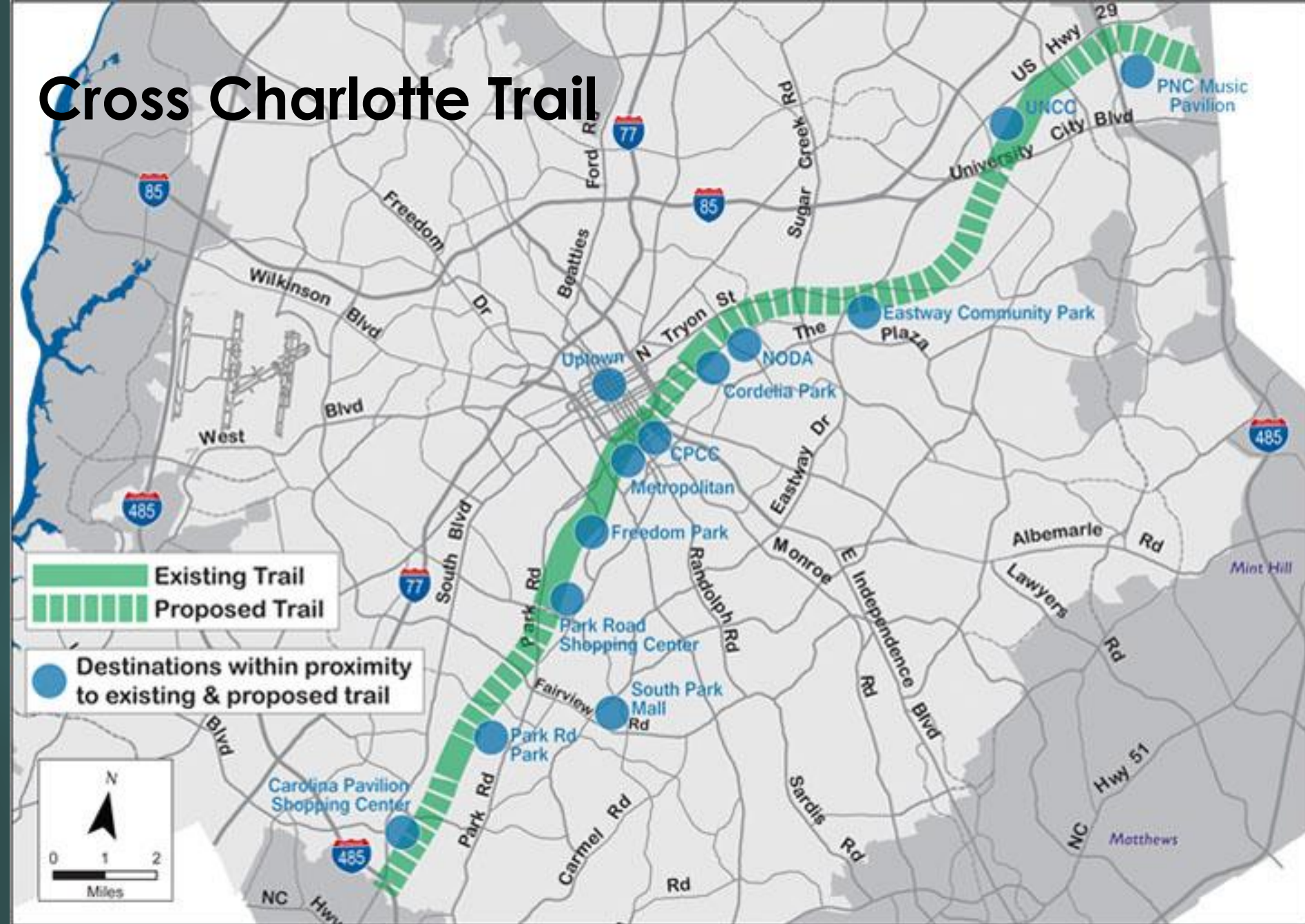
The trail corridors in this plan are depicted with $\frac{1}{4}$ mile wide lines to show the general location of the intended route. The trail itself will be narrower, in recognition that communities will determine the exact location of their segments upon trail design and development.

The broadly defined greenway corridors present multiple opportunities for adjustments for a defined route, so that landowners can continue to be involved in fine tuning and defining the location of trails and amenities.

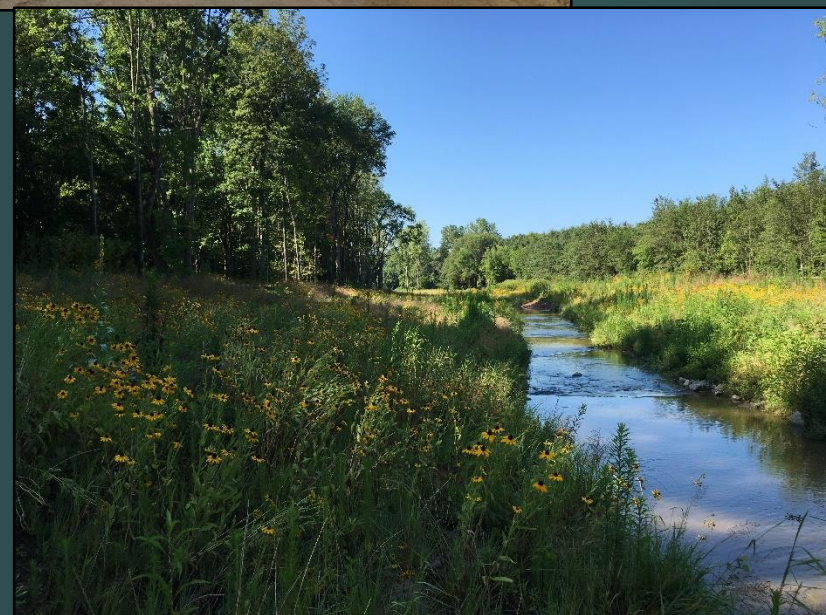
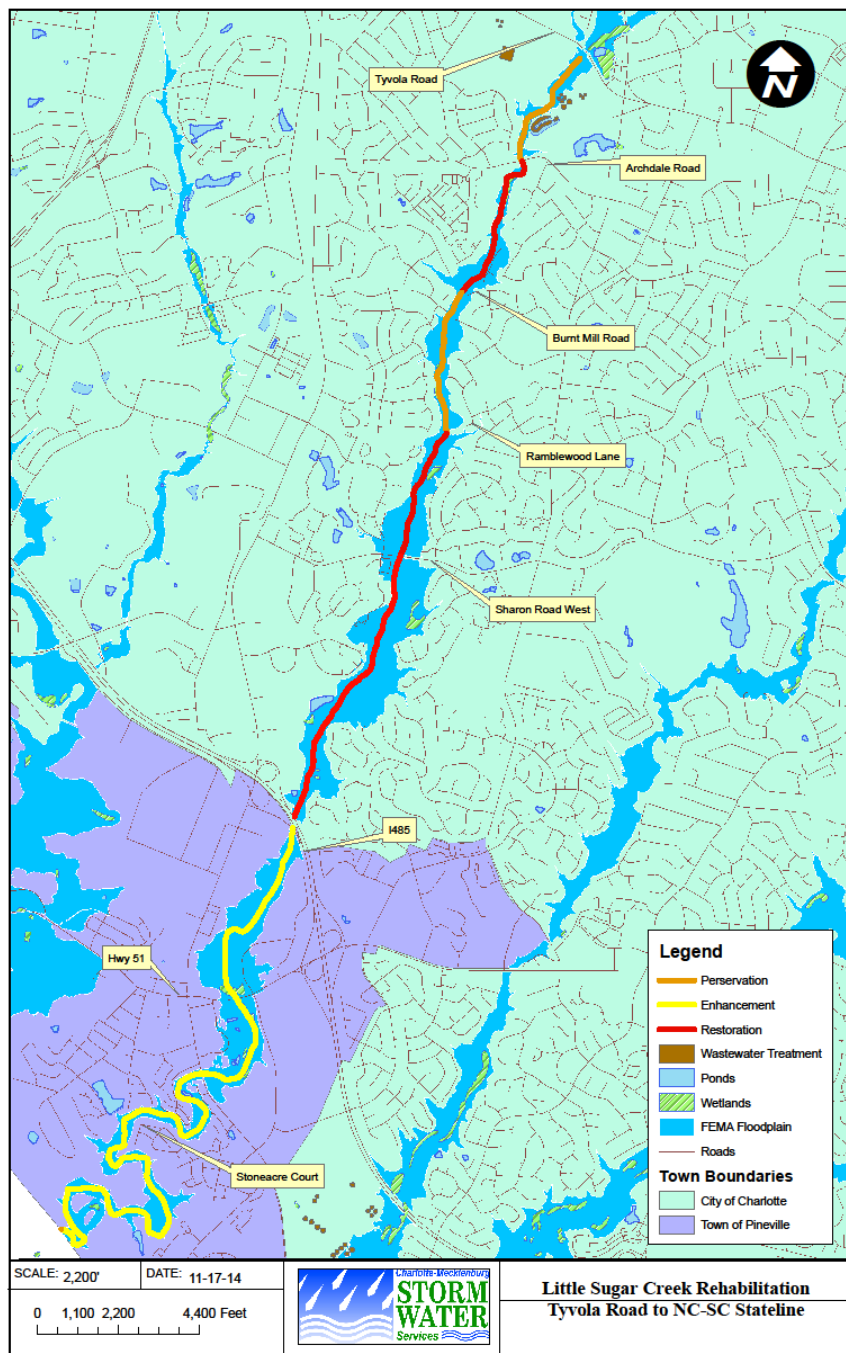
carolinathreadtrail.org



Cross Charlotte Trail



Search web for Cross Charlotte Trail or <http://charlottefuture.com/XCLT>



Project History

- A master plan was prepared for Little Sugar Creek Greenway in 2004.
- Little Sugar Creek Greenway is part of the 2015 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Master Plan Update adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Little Sugar Creek Greenway has been adopted as part of the Carolina Thread Trail network and the Cross Charlotte Trail.

Process

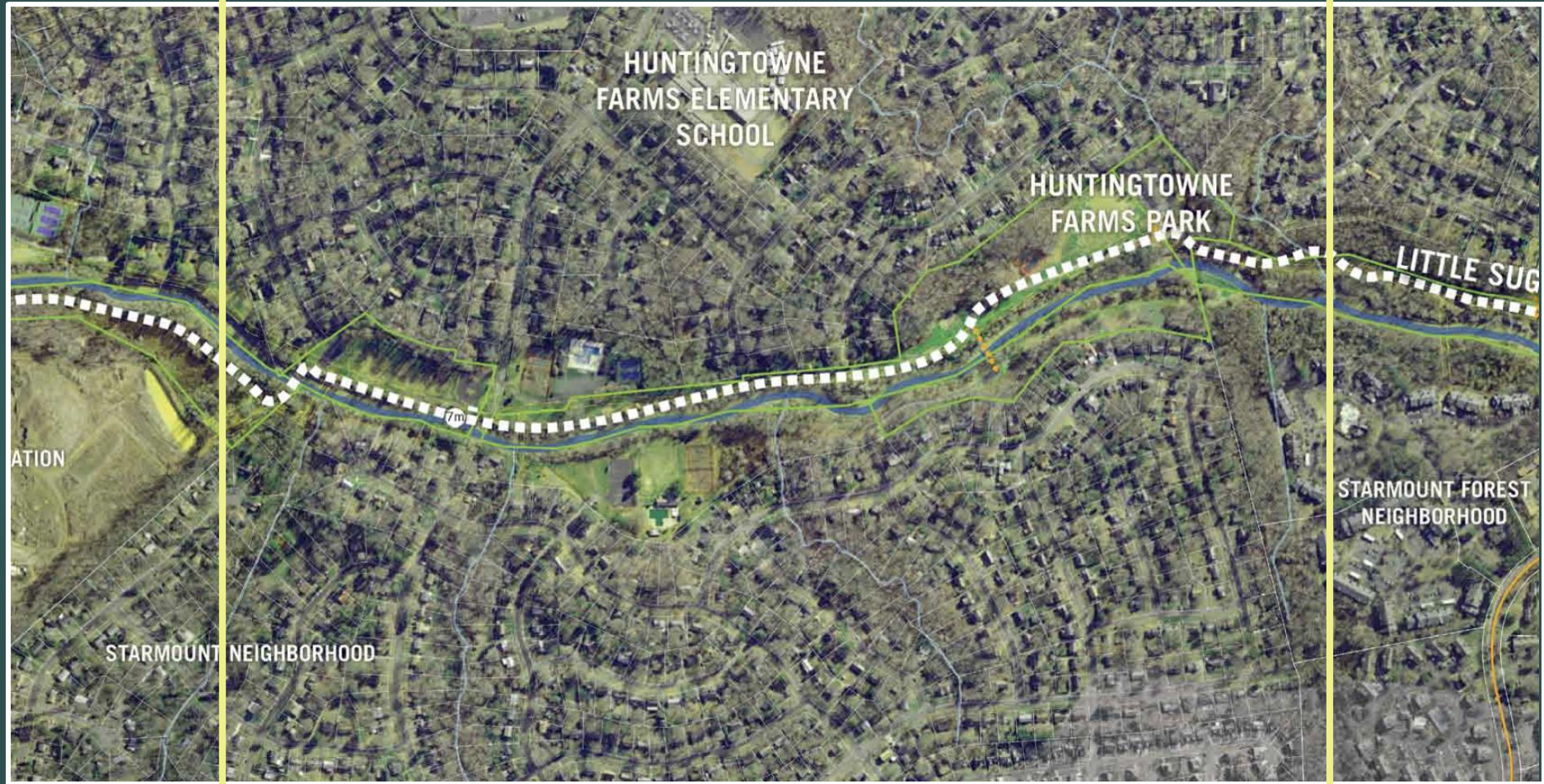
- Public Information Session
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
- Complete design, permit and bid project
- Begin construction in fall 2018.
- Anticipate 12 months to complete

- Preferred Alignment
- Secondary Routes + Connectors
- Greenway Connectors
- Bike Lane
- Stream
- Wetlands
- Sewer Easement (drawn from aerial)
- Publicly Owned Property
- Mileage from South Carolina Border

Mecklenburg County
Park and Recreation
The Natural Place To Be...



Enlargement 1



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Little Sugar Creek Greenway - XCLT
Starmount & Huntington Farms Park



Opportunities

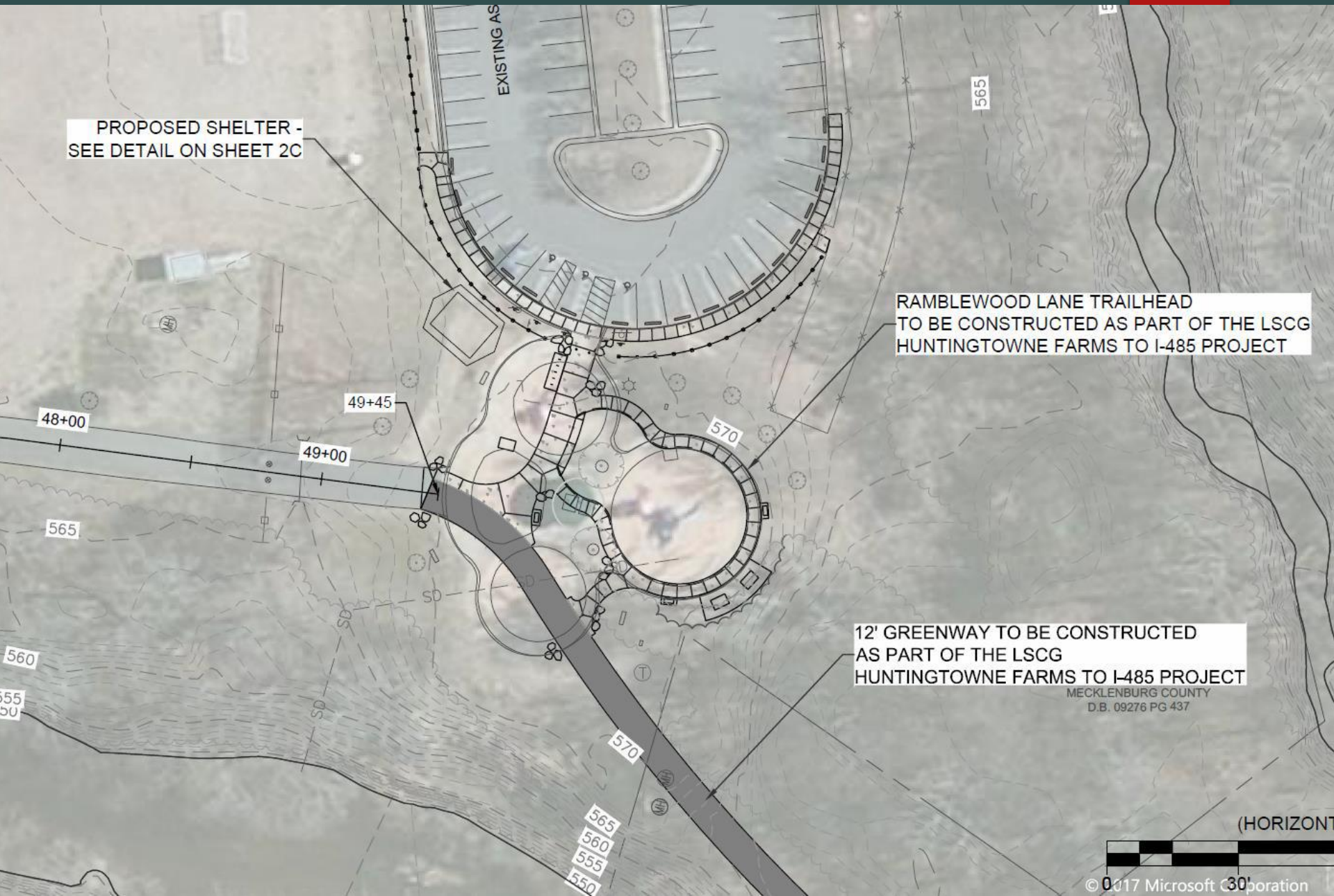


- This project will provide a main greenway (trail) that is a permanent part of the Mecklenburg County Greenway Program, the Cross Charlotte Trail and the Carolina Thread Trail.
- Greenway is being designed in tandem with a stream restoration/form water management project along Little Sugar Creek.
- Little Sugar Creek Greenway will provide a direct link connecting local residential areas to destinations – Huntingtowne Farms Park, Starclaire, Clairemount, South Mecklenburg High School, Carolina Pavilion, CATS Blue Line, and others—to a growing system of existing greenways.
- Replace an existing bridge in Huntingtowne Farms Park with an updated and wider bridge.
- NCDOT is providing a \$2.2 M grant for the greenway.

Constraints

- Construction in the park will temporarily affect the park use.
- NCDOT will need to be directly involved in construction of the greenway. The required process affects the length of construction.

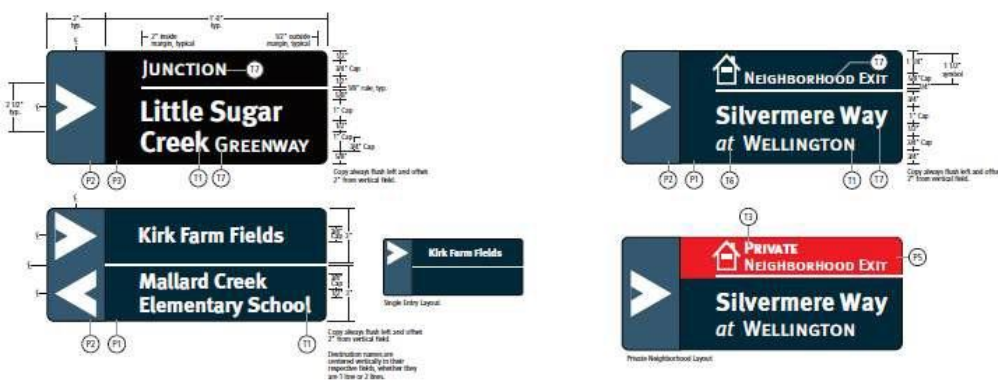
Playground and Shelter at Ramblewood Lane Trailhead



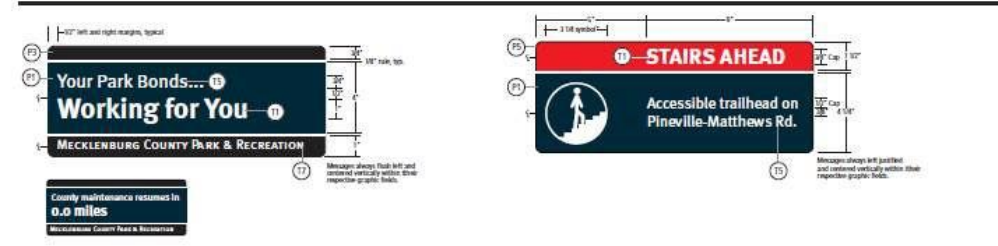
Small shelter with playground



Wayfinding



T-3.1 GRAPHIC LAYOUTS All layouts depict center-mount signs. Sign panels have graphics on one side only.



Greenways and Safety

- Greenways have had the fewest issues among Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation amenities.
- A 2004 study by UNC Charlotte on our greenways found that greenways do not increase crime and, in some instances, crime is slightly reduced.
- Crime exists everywhere; Call in Emergencies 911; otherwise 311
- Park Rangers and CMPD officers patrol trails.
- Common sense prevails– if you have valuables in your car, locate them out of sight and lock the vehicle.
Avoid the trail during floods. Enjoy walking with a friend.
- Cyclists must have lights and reflectors after dark.

Thank you for participating in
your Community Workshop!
Questions?





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